



THE GRANGE NEWSLETTER

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A Word From Our Chairman

Andrée Accette unfortunately has resigned as a volunteer and Editor of The Grange Newsletter. The Friday volunteers have kindly stepped in to help with this summer edition. Perhaps they have enjoyed it so much that they will become our permanent Editors-in-Chief?

I want to welcome our new volunteers, and I hope that they will get "hooked" and enjoy working in The House as much as we all do.

The Art Gallery and The Grange will be open on Mondays from June until mid-September. A big "thank you" to all the volunteers who have signed up. I'm sure there will be lots of enthusiastic visitors. If any of you have nothing to do on a Sunday or Monday, please sign up on the list in the staff sitting room.

Bill Emigh gave us a very interesting tour of The Grange garden, and told us some of the uses - medicinal, domestic and culinary - of the flowers and plants. We were all huddled under umbrellas but it was worthwhile and enjoyable. Bill suggested that we frequently pick the lavender, to dry it, and to pick off any

dead-heads. Pleasance Crawford gave a slide talk on Victorian gardens in Upper Canada. We are very fortunate to have two such knowledgeable gardeners and garden lecturer as volunteers. Because of the humidity control and the air conditioning we unfortunately cannot keep the garden door open, but please tell the visitors about the garden, and when possible, show them around it.

A removable sign is going to be put on the outside of the patio door, which leads to the garden. The sign is similar in design and style to all the other signs. One side reads - "The Grange Please Knock", and the other side - "The Grange is Closed". I hope the sign will entice visitors to us from the restaurant and patio. Please be sure that everyone coming into the house through that door has paid their admission.

Our 30-second P.S.A. video had its premiere at our Annual General Meeting, to a standing ovation. We have been working for over a year on a 4-minute video; it will be used by TVO as a filler. I hope it will be finished by the time you read this.

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A bus load of Grange volunteers is a cheerful sight and also a lively sound! Anne Morison arranged a very successful outing to the Kitchener-Waterloo area. The Schneider Haus, "Woodside", Mackenzie King's boyhood house, and the Seagram Museum were visited.

The Kettledrum group were hard at work in April and May - in one week in April there were 4 large dinner parties in a row. The financial results of their work is considerable - in fact they are our biggest money-earners. The house-keeping committee works closely with the Kettledrum at the various functions, and Rohaise and Ginny and their committees all deserve gold medals.

We were very fortunate to have had Sandra Matthews as our chairman, I cannot sing her praises enough.

I am looking forward to working with you all, and I wish you all a happy and sunny summer.

The Grange Volunteer Committee Executive for the year 1986/7 is:

CHAIRMAN

Jane Aitken (Mrs.)

COSTUMES:

Jean Gray (Mrs. V.P.)

EDUCATION:

Lynne Murphy (Mrs.W.D.)

ENRICHMENT:

Anne Morison (Mrs.J.F.)

FINANCE:

Marjorie Thomson (Mrs.P.G.)

FLOWERS:

Emmy Lind (Mrs. R. Burns)

HOUSEKEEPING:

Virginia Smith (Mrs. L.V.)

KETTLEDRUM:

Rohaise Nicholls (Mrs. W.)

LIBRARY:

Mary Ash (Miss)

PLACEMENT:

Anne Hope-Brown (Mrs. A.)

PROGRAM:

Audrey Walker (Mrs. R.)

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH:

Anne O'Brian (Mrs. J.A.)

PUBLICITY:

Marilyn Litvak (Mrs. I.A.)

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CALENDAR

The Visitors' Survey has been postponed until September 16th - September 28th.

Tuesday, July 1st - Canada Day - The Grange will be open. Donald Jones of The Saturday Star is going to end his walk of Historic Toronto at 4 PM outside The Grange. He will talk on Goldwin Smith. Please watch the notice board for further information on our involvement.

Autumn dates to put in your Engagement book now.

Volunteer Enrichment Seminars

Monday, September 22
Monday, October 20
Monday, November 10

They will run from 10-1, with a break for coffee.

Grange Executive Committee - Monday, September 8th at 1:00.

Day Captains' Meeting - Wednesday, September 17th at 5:30.

Tuesday, December 2nd
Slide talk by Ken Rowe on Victorian Christmas Cards.

Saturday and Sunday, December 6th and 7th
Celebration

Wednesday, December 10th, in the evening
Daniel Hyatt

When you are pickling and bottling and jamming this summer, remember Celebration and make a few more for it.

Visitors' Survey - Trial Run

Lee Jolliffe interviewed 6 visitors on Friday, June 6th as a trial-run for the Visitors' Survey.

The visitors, who were all complimentary and enthusiastic, were from South Africa, England, Austria and The United States. Other visitors were from New Zealand, Switzerland and Uruguay.

"THE GRANGE" LIBRARY: A small circulating collection is available for the use of Grange volunteers. Any book in this collection, most of which are duplicates of those in our main collection, can be withdrawn for a reasonable period of time by signing for it in the book provided. Suggestions for additions to this collection would be welcomed. Contact Mary Ash, or leave a note in the office.

Books in the main collection do not circulate. This policy was established at the time the decision was made to open the library and staff it with volunteer librarians.

The Grange library is part of the Metro Toronto library system, and details of its collection are on record at the Metro Toronto Reference Library and at the National Library of Canada. Researchers from outside the AGO can arrange to use its resources by making an appointment.

